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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: IBRD RURAL HEALTH PROJECT

1. MR. FITTS OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, PINE BLUFF ARKANSAS, TELEPHONE 501-535-0855, CABLE HEALTHMAN HAS REQUESTED MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION USDOC ASSISTANCE ON SUBJECT PROJECT. FITTS HAS LEARNED THAT IBRD MADE A 5 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO THE GODR TO SET UP AN INFORMATION SYSTEM TO ASSIST IN RURAL HEALTH DELIVERY NEEDS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE FACILITIES DESIGN, CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH, TRAINING, HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, STATISTICAL EVALUATION SYSTEMS ETC. MR. FITTS' COMPANY

AND AN ASSOCIATE COMPUTER SOFTWARE FIRM ARE, HE STATES, REMARKABLY WELL SUITED FOR THIS PROJECT.

2. THE IBRD OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON WITH WHOM FITTS SPOKE SUGGESTED HE CABLE GONZALES FABRA, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE. MR. FITTS DID THIS ON OCTOBER SIX BUT IS CONCERNED THAT BY THE TIME IT FILTERS TO THE CORRECT OFFICIAL THE SHORT LIST MAY
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BE DRAWN UP. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT OFFICIAL WHO WOULD

BE IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND FIRMS INCLUSION ON SHORT

LIST AND INDICATE THAT MR. FITTS WOULD LIKE TO TALK
WITH HIM ABOUT HIS FIRM'S CAPABILITIES. IF THIS
OFFICIAL SEEMS GENUINELY INTERESTED, FITTS WILL BE ABLE
TO COME FOR INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY. FITTS, HOWEVER, DID
STATE THAT HE WISHES TO PURSUE MATTER ONLY IF GODR SEEMS
SERIOUSLY RECEPTIVE SO IF EMBASSY HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE TO
INDICATE THAT CERTAIN FIRMS ARE FRONT RUNNERS, THAT
ADVICE WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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